

REMARKS

Claims 21-30 and 35-38 are pending in this application. Claims 31 and 34 were previously canceled. Claims 1-20 and 32-33 are canceled herein. Claims 23, 25, and 26 are in independent form. Claim 24 depends from claim 23, claims 21-22 and 35-38 depend from claim 25, and claims 27-30 depend from claim 26. Claims 23 and 25-26 have been amended into independent form. Claims 21-22, 28, and 35 have been amended to change their claim dependencies. Claims 36-38 are new, but contain the same subject matter as claims 28-30. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter in claims 23-27. Claims 23 and 25-26 have been amended to independent form in view of the indication of allowable subject matter. In addition, applicants have amended several dependent claims to depend from the allowed independent claims and added new claims 36-38. Claims 23-30 and 35-38 are now submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In the office action, claims 1, 2, 5-18, 20, 21, 28-30, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,648,712 to Hahn. Claims 3, 4, 19, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view the combination of Hahn and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0115480 to Huang. Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view the combination of Hahn and U.S. Patent No. 4,893,351 to McKee et al. While the applicants disagree with the Examiner's reasoning for the rejection of the canceled claims and submits that the rationale is unsupported, applicants have canceled the rejected claims in order to move this case to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application for the subject matter of any of the canceled claims.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-1432.

Respectfully submitted,

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